

State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council

Minutes for Conference Call

Sunday, January 26, 2014

8:00pm – 9:00 pm - All Members – Statewide

Dial: 1 (866) 685-1580

Conference Code: 51 52 81 65 09 #

Members Present: Sai Abbaraju, Rohan Aggarwal, Joel Baumann?, Nick Beckwith, Jacob Bundt, Anne Edwards, Agatha Fenech, Pablo Haake, Rekha Karuparth, Marissa Kephart, Mary Korch, Jake Mathahs, Jenna McCoy, Katie Melbourne, Gina Mostafa, Sruthi Palaniappan, Danielle Reyes, Luke Theuma, Benjamin Votroubek, and Cody Woodruff

Members Absent: Danielle Reyes

Staff Present: Betsy Penisten and Steve Michael

I. Roll Call and Announcements

Karuparth took roll call. January 27th, 2014 is AMP's Day on the Hill. Haake also reminded the council that the deadline for position statements at the third quarter meeting is approaching.

II. Approve Minutes from January 12, 2014

Aggarwal moved to approve the January 12, 2014 minutes. Kephart seconded. The council unanimously agreed to approve the minutes.

III. Suggestion Box

Woodruff gave a progress update about the Suggestion Box. He told the council that he is promoting the suggestion box through tweets and announcements. A couple of students even talked to Woodruff expressing their positive feedback about the idea. Put in tweets and announcements to get the word out. Couple kids to talk about it. If everything goes well, Woodruff would like to help other SIYAC members start up this project.

IV. Committee Updates

Health: Mostafa rescheduled the Breakfast Campaign meeting for February 10th, due to snow days. During this time, she will try to recruit more people to help. She talked with her health and food prep teachers, and they are willing to help.

Votroubek sent out a new plan for the PSA video. He would like to try and film the first scene next weekend. He is planning on having the video done by the end of April.

Melbourne is setting up the “No Tan Prom” letters. She is currently drafting letters and sending them out.

Mental Health: Abbaraju talked about the confusion with the SF 446 bill. Now it is cleared up: the bill passed last year was a plan or outline about programs that will be passed this year. Abbaraju is working on the position statement for this bill.

Theuma is going to research the Governor’s cyberbullying bill. Theuma told the council that it supports our cyberbullying legislation. However, ours is more focused on school jurisdiction. Supports our cyberbullying legislation. Research it more. Ours is more about school jurisdiction. Theuma is also researching about Toledo.

Education: Palaniappan is contacting legislators. Representative Harstad will reword the standardized testing bill, but she is still waiting to hear back. The letter for contacting legislators is finished and the committee will start sending them out.

Kephart has been drafting bills and letters for the tuition bill.

Karuparthi updated the council about the foreign language bill. Haake and she will be calling Representative Abdul-Samad in the next week to find out more information about the bill. Also, they will be working on the position statement for the third quarter meeting.

Melbourne moves to extend. Aggarwal seconds.

V. Tanning Bill Vote

Melbourne moves to approve the tanning bill position statement. Korch seconds. The council unanimously agrees to approve the tanning bill position statement.

VI. Chair Updates

Service: Korch will help to organize other book drives. She also talked about Global Youth Service Day. She will be sending about an e-mail about different ideas council members can do.

Aggarwal moves to extend meeting. Woodruff seconded.

Public: Fenech is going to edit the recruitment video by the end of the week.

Legislative: People are sending out e-mails to legislatures. Mathahs plans on having a conference call with the Legislative Affairs committee soon.

VII. Other Business/Public Comments

Haake told the council that he has been hearing a lot of beeps throughout the call. Karuparthi took roll call again.

VIII. Meeting Adjourns

Aggarwal moved to adjourn the meeting. Woodruff seconded. The council unanimously agreed to adjourn.